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DEPT PLEASE PASS USSS COUNTERFEIT DIVISION

FOR USSS FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LIAISON ASSISTANCE REGARDING COUNTERFEIT

BRAZILIAN CRUZEIROS

1. SEVERAL DAYS AGO RSO WAS VISITED BY SERGIO COURI, POLITICAL OFFICER, BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, AND PAULINO JAGUARIBE DE OLIVEIRA, SHIEF OF SECURITY, BANK OF BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO, WHO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING CVUNTERFEIT RING(S) IN COLOMBIA THAT HAVE BEEN MAKING BRAZILIAN CRUZEIROS.

2. ACCORDING TO COURI, APPROXIMATELY 30 MILLION CRUZEIROS HAVE BEEN OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COUNTERFEITED IN COLOMBIA AND ARE BEING SMUGGLED INTO BRAZIL THROUGH LETICIA, A CITY ON THE BORDER OF COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL.

3. COURI AND JAGUARIBE BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTERFEIT CRUZEIROS ARE POSSIBLY BEING MADE BY THE SAME COLOMBIANS WHI HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANUFACTURING COUNTERFEIT U.S. DOLLARS IN COLOMBIA.

4. THE BRAZILIANS INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER RSO COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING NAMES OR LOCALES OF COUNTERFEITERS OR COUNTERFEITING OPERATIONS OF AMERICAN DOLLARS.

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5. RSO ADVISED THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT POST IS CLASSIFIED AND COULD ONLY BE RELEASED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE, WHO HAVE REponsibility IN COUNTERFEIT MATTERS.

6. COURI AND JAUARIBE INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE ANY INFORMATION THEY DEVELOP REGARDING THE MAKING OF DOLLARS DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.

7. WHEN RSO SUGGESTED THE TWO BRAZILIANS WORK THROUGH DAS TO AID THEM IN LOCATING THE CRUZEIROS PRINTING PLANT, THEY DECLINED AND STATED THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY "LEAKS" AND THAT THE DAS PERSONNEL ARE BEING BOUGHT OFF BY THE COUNTERFEITERS.

8. RSO STATED AN INQUIRY WOULD BE MADE WITH USSS REGARDING REQUESTED ASSISTANCE.

9. PLEASE ADVISE.
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